

Football Drills Now Underway



LOST TO SAXONS ... Scatback John Rance, North High's leading scorer last year, has moved on to Michigan State. Another Rance, Dave, is ticketed for first-string halfback duties for Ed Levy's eleven this season. (Press-Herald Photo)

North Will Boast Strong Backfield

Backfield speed and depth and lack of experience on the line is the situation North High Football coach Ed Levy faces this year.

Levy and his charges, which include eight lettermen, began the 1964 grid season yesterday with the opening of workouts.

Topping the list of Saxon returnees is All-Sky League defensive back Dave Rance, who will play both as a defensive and offensive halfback this season.

OTHER starters returning are halfback Dave Hubert and fullback George Gregor. Monogram winners returning also include right guard Dan Hodges, end Don Albin, tackle Bill Turner and Don Williamson and guard Chet Lockett. Williamson also handled kicking duties for North last season.

Levy will depend on Bob Quarry and Howard Phillips, both seniors and up from the junior varsity, to handle the quarterbacking chores. Levy feels Quarry has the strong-

est arm North has ever had at quarterback.

Additional backfield candidates include fullback Steve Schmitz, halfbacks Butch Nickoloff and Alan Gayda, who are up from the jayvees, and former Bee halfbacks Joe Mortensen and Dave Buffington.

Candidates for starting line positions will include 6 ft. 3 in., 219-pound former jayvee tackle Dan Scott, center John Spindler, and ends Bob Wheeler and Jerry Kurz.

North's main problem, according to Levy, will be giving all of the backs a chance to perform.

The Saxons finished second in the Sky League to Lezuinger last year and lost only two games while tying another throughout the year. Levy believes his club can improve on the record if all linemen stay healthy and an adequate quarterback develops.

LEVY RATES Lezuinger and Inglewood as toss ups for the Sy League title with Mor-

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Cycles Go At Ascot On Friday

Stirring duels highlight the action at Ascot Park. Gardena, this week with Sammy Tanner and Elliott Schultz leading the motorcycle field Friday night and Allen Heath and Billy Cantrell pacing the USAC midget car pack Saturday night.

The 30-lap national championship midget race will be held on the half-mile oval and Heath says he will compete if he's recovered from recent injuries. Heath won the most spectacular race of the summer on the half-mile track a few weeks ago.

Both events are under the direction of J. C. Agajanian and both the motorcycles Friday night and the midgets Saturday night start at 8:30 with one lap qualifying starting at 7.

THE TANNER vs. Schultz two-wheeling clash is a test of machine as well as the riding ability of the two broadsiders. Tanner rides a BSA and Schultz a Royal Enfield, both British imports, but both

have their own Ascot "rooting sections."

IT WILL all culminate in a triple main event, 15 laps for experts, 10 for amateurs and eight for the highly popular novice division in which riders compete on a dozen different makes of machines.

This variety of represented manufacturers has spiced up the weekly AMA competition which this year has resulted in record breaking Ascot Park crowds since April.

Pigskin Curtain Goes Up

King Football is back. Seven area high school teams kicked off the 1964 grid campaign yesterday with the opening of practice.

Teams from Carson, Narbonne, North, South, Torrance, West and Bishop Montgomery high schools have begun preparation for the coming campaign.

One of the largest turnouts in Torrance history was achieved by new South High mentor Ken Swift. More than 200 athletes reported for Spartan football.

Two other high schools also boast new coaches. John Trantham has taken over for Irv Kasten at Torrance while Jack Bobinette has replaced Elmer Douglas at Narbonne.

PROSPECTS are bright for most of the local elevens. Carson, North and West are expected to be particularly

tough in their respective leagues while Bishop Montgomery will be coming off its finest grid season ever.

Torrance and South, winners of only one game between them last year, are also expected to be considerably improved. Narbonne broke a lengthy losing streak last year and came up with several surprise triumphs.

Carson and Narbonne will compete in the Marine League while Torrance and West are Pioneer League members.

Bishop Montgomery will vie in the Camino Real League while North will battle in the Sky League and South will represent the Bay loop.

Ed Levy will return as North's head mentor while Paul Vollnogle will be back at Carson, Bill Parton will return at West and George Swade will again lead Bishop Montgomery.

IN ALL five leagues in which area teams are represented, the last year's champions are favored to defend their crown. Santa Monica is again the Bay League pick while Lezuinger is tabbed in the Sky League and Lawndale is favored in the Pioneer loop.

Gardena is the Marine League choice with Fermin Lassen again tabbed in the Camino Real circuit.

Last season, Lawndale and Aviation were co-champs in the Pioneer loop.

West High may have two of the City's outstanding players in end John Cochran and bulldozing fullback Bob Vroman. North's top man should be all-league half back Dave Rance while quarterback Greg Barrett is Torrance's best gun.

SOUTH HIGH will key its season on junior quarterback (Continued on Page 28)

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